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In re the Application of

Toshitaka IWAGO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2854

Application No.: 10/607,129

Examiner: D. GHATT

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For: PAPER DISCHARGE TRAY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the November 15, 2005 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

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projection and recess of claim 21) is not located at the document setting tray and Hovens fails to provide any suggestion with regard to placing the appliance 5 on the document setting tray.


Tokunah fails to overcome the deficiencies of Hovens because Tokunah's document setting tray 152 also does not includes a surface, projection and recess as recited in claim 21.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1033-1038.

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